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REF: A. STATE 63755; B. QUITO 2012

1. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED DEPARTMENT'S FORMAL
REPLY TO OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT ECUADOR BE MADE ELIGIBLE
FOR CANAL ZONE MAP TRAINING IN FY-75.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO REITERATE THE
IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS ASPECT OF MAP TRAINING IN
RESTORATION OF A MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH ECUADOR AND
TO REPEAT OUR URGING THAT A WAY BE SOUGHT TO MAKE ECUADOR
ELIGIBLE IN FORTHCOMING FISCAL YEAR.

3. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE
PROBLEM WOULD BE TO DROP A COUNTRY PRESENTLY ON THE LIST
OF THIRTY-ONE BECAUSE SO FEW TRAINEES ARE ENVISAGED
THAT THE RELATIVE ADVANTAGES OF AN ECUADOREAN PROGRAM
ARE CLEAR CUT. WE UNDERSTAND, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ONLY
ONE OUT-OF-U.S. MAP TRAINEE IS PROGRAMMED FOR SENEGAL
IN FY-75. ANOTHER APPROACH WOULD BE TO CONSIDER
ASKING CONGRESS TO WAIVE THE COUNTRY LIMITATION FOR
ENTIRE ARA REGION IN VIEW OF THE UNIQUENESS OF OUR
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TRAINING RELATIONSHIP AND THE FACT THAT IN THIS REGION

WE OFFER COURSES IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE AT SPECIAL SCHOOLS, SOMETHING WE APPARENTLY DO NOWHERE ELSE. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT IN A POSITION TO JUDGE WHICH OF THESE APPROACHES IS MORE SUSCEPTIBLE OF RAPID IMPLEMENTATION. WE DO, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT ONE OR THE OTHER SHOULD BE GIVEN A TRY IN TIME TO HAVE AN IMPACT BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF FY-75. ALTERNATIVELY, IF THERE IS YET ANOTHER APPROACH WHICH WOULD SERVE TO QUALIFY ECUADOR IMMEDIATELY, IT WOULD, NEEDLESS TO SAY, BE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO OUR INTERESTS HERE.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT PROBLEM RAISED HEREIN IS OCCASIONED IN PART BY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING RENEWED MILITARY RELATIONS WITH ECUADOR, FACT THAT FMS SANCTIONS WAIVED IN MIDDLE OF BUDGET CYCLE AND THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE LEAD TIMES IN PLANNING SUCH MATTERS. WE WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY WITHIN OUR OWN SECURITY ASSISTANCE MECHANISM TO MEET THIS NEW NEED AND MEET IT WITH THE KIND OF PROMPTNESS WHICH WILL ENSURE AN OPTIMUM IMPACT IN SUPPORT OF OUR INTERESTS HERE.

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